



St Bernadette's School

Friday 6 November 2020 — Term 4 Week 4 No. 34

Dear Parents,
This coming week we celebrate NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be. - recognises and celebrates that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the ancient history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are usually held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. This year NAIDOC Week celebrations are being held in November due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

For more information and details of community events, visit the NAIDOC Week website <https://www.naidoc.org.au>

Mrs Bianca Cooke - Principal

R.E. NEWS



Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War I to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

On 11 November 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing

to an end the First World War.

In the four years of the war more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the postwar decades. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

On Wednesday at 11 am, we will commemorate this event with a Prayer assembly and remember all those who have died in wars, with a special service of prayer, reflection and silence.

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: we pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remember their courage and their sacrifice. May they have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; Amen.

**Mrs Shane Robinson - Religion
Coordinator**

Week 5 Term 4 Dates

Waste Free Recess &
Lunch

NAIDOC WEEK

Mon 9 Nov
3-3:30 pm Motiv8sports

Tue 10 Nov
8-10am Uniform Shop
(Emailed orders only)

Wed 11 Nov
Remembrance Day
No Choir
Student Banking

Other Term 4 Dates:

Wed 25 Nov
7:30pm P & F AGM
Meeting via Zoom

Wed 2 Dec & 9 Dec
Kindy Orientation

Thu 3 Dec
Swimming Carnival -
Competitors Only

Tue 15 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Mass

Wed 16 Dec
Last day of school for
students.

**ENROLLING NOW
FOR
KINDERGARTEN
2021**

Limited Places
School Tours
Please call
02 9407 6600

Address: 357 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154 Phone: 9407 6600 Fax: 9407 6699

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Email: Bernadettech@parra.catholic.edu.au Website: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au>

School Calendar: <http://www.stbernadetteschill.catholic.edu.au/en/Community/Events>

Student Council War on Waste initiative – Waste Free EVERY DAY

SBGT:V

St Bernadette's Got Talent: Virtual

This year, students are invited to pre-record an entry and send it in to be shared with their grade. From here, three entries will be selected to be placed into a Talent Showcase package.

- All entries must be filmed on a camera roll (no social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Snapchat or Instagram will be accepted) and emailed to lmckinnon6@parra.catholic.edu.au .
- Please name the file with student grade, surname then first name eg. Year 6 - Floody, Charmain.
- Length of recording is to be 1-2 1/2 minutes.
- Each student is only permitted one entry, group entries are allowed. If student groups are from multiple grades, then entry is to the oldest group members grade.



All entries need to be received by Monday of week 7 (November 25th).

Christmas Hampers

Our St Bernadette's **Mini Vinnies** Group has organised to support the Parish St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.



Each class will be collecting donations of small toys and non - perishable foods and Christmas treats to contribute to the Christmas Hampers. (Please do not send in any gift cards.)

All toys and food will

need to be in to your child's class by Friday 4th of December so they be packed and ready for delivery by the St. Bernadette's Parish, St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families.

Water Bottles

A reminder again that as the weather is now warming up that all students need to bring a water bottle to school **every day**. Due to COVID -19 our bubblers are still turned off. Thank you for your assistance.



2021 Return Dates:

Years 1-6 Friday 29 January
Kindergarten Tuesday 2nd February

Canteen Christmas Raffle

The lovely ladies at our school tuckshop are running a raffle for Christmas!



All you have to do is order your lunch... Every time you place a lunch order, your name will go in the draw to win this fabulous Christmas Activity Pack!

Australian Girls Choir



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Open Day

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because they encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to come along to the Open Day on Saturday November 21 or Saturday November 28 to try fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Please visit their website to register to attend their free Open Day: <https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/openday2020/>

ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

**Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.



(02) 9651 7333
enrolments@teachingservices.com.au
www.teachingservices.com.au

**Congratulations to the following
students receiving Social Skills Awards**

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| KB | Eva Bradshaw | Marianne El Bitar |
| KG | Indiana Sebastian | Natalie Daniel |
| KW | Anya Fernando | Joseph Zeaiter |
| 1B | Archie Gulczynski | Poppy Thornton |
| 1G | Elliott Lavis | Alana Geegenage |
| 1W | Jack Scotti | Samara Rodrigues |
| 2B | Gabriel Saad | Samuel Wakim |
| 2G | Christopher De Ponte | Georgia Gillogly |
| 2W | Phoebe Goss | Alexa Kouknas |
| 3B | Riley Bandiera | Sophie Zucconi |
| 3G | Lila Oliver | Jessica Coghlan |
| 4B | Jude Saliba | Sophia Khamis |
| 4G | Marissa Zeaiter | William McManus |
| 4W | Michael Saad | Jai Stuart |
| 5B | Lanna Heneghan | Joseph-Anthony Raad |
| 5G | Sara Uricoechea | Ava Rendulic |
| 5W | Matthew Khoudair | Will Boxshall |
| 6B | Jason-Leigh Knight | Ella Macey |
| 6G | Saradewi Campo | Angelo Perera |
| 6W | Isabella De Souza | Ella Hammersley |

Celebrating Talents:

Sofia Papandrea of 4B recently entered the National Break Dancing Competition.

She made it through to top eight and now Sofia has been voted in the TOP 4!

She is the only representative for NSW and the only girl in the competition.

The results for top two Australian's will be announced Friday evening.

Go Sofia, GOOD LUCK!!!

